IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PROCESS FOR FABRICATING

INTEGRATED DEVICES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 28, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expired on March 28, 2007, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claims fees, as required, to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.